BUSINESS SERVICES STARTED 1999
EMPLOYS 2
HISTORY INCOMPLETE

No rating was assigned becasue M/s. Dun & Bradstreet did not have sufficient historical information about this company.

Directors:
DR. PAUL CHRISTANIO, CEO
JEFFERY W BOLTON, SEC-TREAS
(antecedents of both are undertermined)

DATE INCORPORATED: 8.1.1999
STATE OF INCORPORATION: PENNSYLVANIA

The Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications which is the Administrative Ministry dealing with this matter have been given the above details.

India's claim for Permanent Membership of Security Council

*471. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approached the U.S authorities for its support to India's claim for permanent membership in an expanded U.N. Security Council?

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the response received from the U.S. authorities?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) India's candidature for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council has been made known to the US authorities at various levels and occasions.

The US Government has not yet taken a formal position on India's candidature.

Decline in Rate of Growth in Agricultural Sector

*472. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agricultural growth rate declined from 9.9 per cent to only 0.5 per cent during the third quarter of 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a steep decline;

(c) what is the latest trend in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken for reversing this negative growth in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to the estimates of quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP) released by the Cental Statistical Organisation (CSO) the growth of the sector, "Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing"in the quarter, October-December, 1999 has declined from 9.9% in the third quarter of 1998-99 to 0.5% in the third quarter of 1999-2000. The decline in the agricultural growth is on account of lower growth of agricultural production in Kharif 1999 due to aberrant weather conditions resulting in lower areas coverage and lower productivity of various crops like oilseeds, coarse cereals, pulses etc. According to the Advance Estimates of GDP released by CSO, the growth rate of the sector, ""Agruculture, Forestry & Fishing" for the year 1999-2000 is 0.8%.

(d) According to CSO, the level of production of the sector, "Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing" is higher in the third quarter of 1999-2000 than in the corresponding quarter of the previous year, by 0.5%. However, for increasing production and productivity in Agriculture, the Government is implementing centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in rice/wheat/ coarse cereals Based Cropping System Area, National Pulse Development Project, Oilseeds Production Programme and Technology Mission on Cotton etc. Under these programmes/projects, incentives are provided to farmers for use of high yielding varities of seeds, application of Integrated Pest Management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation and use of improved fram implements. Research is also being continuously undertaken to develop improved technologies so as to enhance the productivity and production of food grains in India. Field demonstrations on farmers' holding including taining of farmers and farm labourers is being organised for effective transfer of technology.

Deficiency of Nutritious Substances in Soil

*473. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to intensive farming iron, zinc, sulphur and other such subtle nutritious substances are decreasing in soils of various regions;